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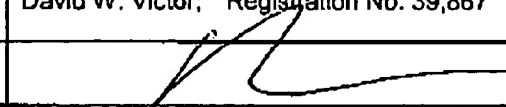
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TITLE: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND DATA STRUCTURES FOR USING
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the final office action dated February 18, 2004 in which the Examiner rejected claims 1, 15, 16, 30, 31, 42, 43, and 47-51 as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) or obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art, and found that claims 2-14, 17-29, 32-41, and 44-48 would be allowed if written in independent form to include the requirements of base and intervening claims.

On April 22, 2004, the attorney for Applicants and the Examiner held a phone interview discussing the claims. Although no agreement was reached, the Examiner said he would consider entering an amendment to the independent claims Applicants proposed and would reconsider the rejection in view of such amendments and arguments. Applicants have amended claims 1, 16, 31, and 43 as discussed during the phone interview and request the Examiner to enter this amendment because it does not raise issues that would require further searching. Applicants have further amended certain of the allowable claims to place in condition for allowance and canceled claims 49-51.

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Amdt. dated May 18, 2004
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Applicants submit that pending claims 1-48 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reason discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18.